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**QUESTION:** Will the President grant the Republican suggestion that he return to Congress for a revalidation of joint support of the Administration's actions in Vietnam?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** That is unnecessary. There is no question of the united support of the Congress and of its confidence, as well as the confidence of all the American people in the President as Commander-in-Chief.

**QUESTION:** Will more SAM sites be attacked by U.S. Air Forces?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** Yes.

**QUESTION:** How many SAM sites are operational in North Vietnam?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** Five sites have been located. They are now being examined as to the extent of operational readiness. I think that is all I should say to this question.

**QUESTION:** Will the presence of Soviet personnel on the ground in connection with the SAM sites affect aggressive U.S. action against such sites?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** Certainly not.

**QUESTION:** What will be the size in numbers of the combat forces in the U.S. to be sent to Vietnam in the foreseeable future?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** (To be furnished by Defense)

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**QUESTION:** Chou En-lai was reported recently to have said that no matter how many troops the U.S. sent to Vietnam - 200,000 to 1,000,000 - Red China would match and trump the number and overcome such forces.

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** Any such statement is pure bombast.

**QUESTION:** Are there any SAM sites on Hainan Island or on the Chinese-North Vietnam border?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** I should not reply to that question.

**QUESTION:** Are there differences between the U.S. military and U. S. civilian components in Vietnam concerning the seriousness of the overall situation there?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** The Mission sends in coordinated views enforced by the Ambassador. The most recent one showed complete agreement between military and civilian experts.

**QUESTION:** Was there advance warning of the operational readiness of the missiles used against the U.S. aircraft?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** Yes, it was expected that these missiles would be used for this purpose; they were believed to be operational prior to the knockdown of the plane.

**QUESTION:** If the Viet Cong further attack Pleiku or other U.S. areas, what would the Montagnards do?

**RECOMMENDED ANSWER:** The Montagnards, trained by several U.S. agencies, would

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avoid by all means coming under Viet Cong control.

QUESTION: Are there indications of increased Viet Cong terrorism?

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: Yes. Viet Cong terrorism cannot be completely stopped. There has been considerable progress made to combat this terrorism by the Vietnamese police and military with the assistance of U.S. experts.

QUESTION: Will you comment on the Schlessinger and Sorenson articles re the Bay of Pigs?

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: Only to say that President Kennedy properly took responsibility for the Bay of Pigs action; we should now give our attention to current problems. The "instant historians" undoubtedly added to their financial income but I question that they have the whole story or that they have been unbiased in their reporting.

QUESTION: Will the President comment on the attack in the current FORTUNE by Charles J.V. Murphy of the actions of Secretary McNamara and General Taylor in the conduct of the war in Vietnam?

RECOMMENDED ANSWER: I haven't read the story. Knowing Secretary McNamara and General Taylor I doubt their actions need any defense.